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LIFE.29:
DEVIL'S PUNISHMENT!?
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!

GONNA BE KILLING YOU NOW, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

BOOSTED GEAR!

BOOSTED GEAR!!

SO THAT'S A HOLY SWORD...? DEFINITELY GETTING THE SAME MALICIOUS VIBE FROM IT AS I DID FROM THE ONES IRINA AND HER FRIEND HAD.

ZA (CROWD)

EXTEND, LINE!

HYU (WHIP)

!?

SFX: SHURUN (WRAP)

PAIN IN THE ASS!

BISHU (SWIPE)

YOU CAN'T SLICE UP MY FRIEND HERE SO EASY! GO GET HIM, KIBA!

BIN (TENSE)

TCH!

BUT UP AGAINST MY LITTLE EXCALIBUR-CHAN, YOUR DEVIL SWORD-KUN IS...

GLADLY!

BA (LUNGE)

...NOTHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT.

KUH!

GIN (CLANG)

HA-HA-HA! ANY TIME YOU LAY EYES ON THIS BABY, YOU MAKE ONE CRAZY-SCARY FACE!

I'M NOT FIN-ISHED YET!

SHUUN (HUM)

KIBA! NEED A POWER-UP!?

JUST HURRY UP AND DIE!

GIKIKIN (KAKRANG)

GYU (TUG)

HUH? K-KONEKO-CHAN...?

OH CRAP... KIBA'S GONNA BITE THE D—

YOU BETCHA!! LEAVE IT TO M—

FUWA (WHOOSH)

...PLEASE HELP YUUTO-SENPAI.

WHOOOOA! KIBAAAA! WE'RE DOIN' THIS THING, SO GET READY, OKAY!?

HWAH!

GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE!

BLIN (FLING)

WHAT THEEEE —!?

TRANSFER!!

SWORD BIRTH!!

ZA

ZA

TCHHHH!

ZA (THRUST)

ZA

GIN (CLANG)

PAKIN (SNAP)

DAN (THUMP)

PAKIN

YOU ROTTEN, STINKIN' DEVIL!

HYU (WHOOSH)

WAHEY! NOW AIN'T THAT A NICE CIRCUS TRICK?

GI (CLANG)

GI

GI

GIN (KRANG)

LIKE YOU LITTLE ASSHOLES COULD EVER HOPE TO BEAT MY "EXCALIBUR RAPIDLY" WITH SPEED!

ISSEI-KUN, ABOVE YOU!

IT DIDN'T WORK!

!!

EAT SHIT AND DIE!

HUH!?

!!

I DON'T THINK SO!

BIN (TENSE)

VLIN (HUM)

ABSORP-TION LINE!

A SACRED GEAR THAT SUCKS UP POWER!?

GISHI (TWANG)

HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT!? THIS IS MY SACRED GEAR! IT'LL DRAIN YOU UNTIL YOU'RE OUT COLD!

...WHAT'S THIS? YOU'RE SUCKIN' OUT ALL MY POWER!?

!?

KIBA! I KNOW YOU WANNA FINISH THIS GUY OFF ON YOUR OWN, BUT HE'S SERIOUSLY DANGEROUS! LEMME WEAKEN HIM, AND THEN YOU CAN DEAL THE FINAL BLOW!

PLIN (FLIME)

PLIN

DRAGON-TYPE SACRED GEARS ARE SO FUCKIN' OBNOX-IOUS!

THERE ARE STILL TWO OTHER STOLEN EXCALIBURS OUT THERE, SO I'LL GET TO HAVE MY FILL OF REVENGE.

...I DON'T LIKE IT, BUT I SEE YOUR POINT...

HOHH? IF IT ISN'T SWORD BIRTH.

...

YOU SURE ABOUT THAT? KILL ME, AND YOUR LONG-AWAITED BATTLE AGAINST AN EXCALIBUR GOES UP IN SMOKE.

GIRI (GRIT)

...OLD MAN VALPER.

...GALI-LEI!

...VALP-ER...

YEAH, YEAH!

LISTEN, POPS! THIS LIZARD THING'S TONGUE IS GIVIN' ME TROUBLE!

YOU'RE BUT A NOVICE WHEN IT COMES TO WIELDING AN EXCALIBUR. SIMPLY IMBUE THE BLADE WITH THE "HOLY FACTOR" I'VE GRANTED YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, FREED?

REALLY, NOW.

PUTSUN (SNAP)

THERE WE GO!

LIKE THIS?

PAA (GLOW)

TCH. WHATEVER YOU SAY, POPS.

FREED, WE'RE RETURNING TO KOKABIEL. LEAVE THEM NOW.

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!

GOTTA TAKE MY LEAVE, KIDDOS! WE'LL HAVE A GRAND OL' BATTLE NEXT TIME!

TAN (TMP)

TAN

WAIT!!

HIYAH! GET OFF MY BACK, BITCH-ES!

STAND FOR YOUR CRIMES, FIEND. WE CONVICT YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

KA-(FLASH)-

HE'S MY PREY AS WELL!

DA (DASH)

DAMN! AFTER HIM, IRINA!

RIGHT!

AW, C'MON. WHAT A PAIN!

H-HEY! KIBA!

TAN (TMP)

TAN

TAN

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

SUCH TROUBLE-SOME CHILDREN.

HAA (SIGH)

SO THIS EXCALIBUR DESTRUCTION PLAN WAS YOUR IDEA...

YUP. ALONG WITH THOSE TWO FROM THE CHURCH.

SO THEN YUUTO WENT AFTER VALPER?

I- I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...

YUUTO'S GOT NOTHING BUT REVENGE ON HIS MIND. YOU THINK HE'LL REALLY REACH OUT TO US?

I TOLD HIM TO CONTACT US IF THINGS GO SOUTH...

...I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE YUUTO-SENPAI.

YOU TOO, KONEKO-CHAN?

BUT WHAT YOU GUYS HAVE DONE COULD HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WORLD AT LARGE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

...NO USE CRYING OVER SPILLED MILK, I SUPPOSE.

HAA (SIGH) T...

AND NOW YOU MUST BE PUNISHED.

GO

GO

GO (RUMBLE)

WE'RE SORRY, PRESI-DENT...

...YES, WE UNDER-STAND.

PEKO (BOW)

KOOOO (DOOM)

OH NOOOOO! I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY! PLEASE FORGIVE ME, COUNCIL PRESIDENT!

WOW...

PASHI

PASHI (SMACK)

OUT OF THE QUESTION. ONE THOUSAND SPANKS FOR YOU.

YESH'M!

NO RUBBER-NECKING, ISSEI.

MUGYU (PINCH)

I'VE SENT SOME DEVILS OUT TO LOOK FOR YUUTO, SO WHEN THEY LOCATE HIM, WE'LL GO AND RETRIEVE HIM.

GOT IT.

...MY SILLY LITTLE SERVANTS. MAKING ME WORRY MY HEAD OFF OVER YOU...

GYU (HUG)

NO WAYYYY! HOW COME THEY GET OFF SO EASY?

RIAS HAS HER WAYS, AND I HAVE MINE.

JUST 980 MORE.

NOW THEN, ISSEI.

I'VE GOT SUCH A KIND MASTER. THANK GOODNESS...

HUH? BUT I THOUGHT ALL WAS FORGIVEN ...?

YOUR BOTTOM, PLEASE.

IT'S A THOUSAND SPANKS FOR YOU TOO.

FOOO (WHOOO)

DISCIPLINING SERVANTS IS A MASTER'S DUTY.

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AAAAAAH!

PASHIIIN (SMAAAACK)

WE'RE HOME!

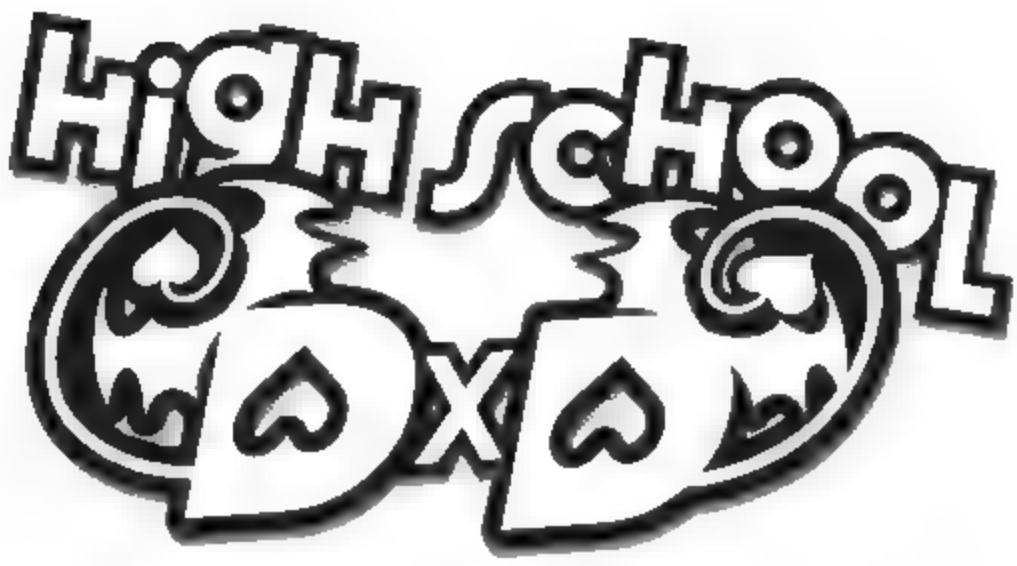
SIGN: HYOUDOU

WELCOME HOME, ISSEI-SAN. PRESIDENT.

WHA—!?

A-ASIA!?

JIN
JIN
CHWIMPER
JIN
CHROBO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LIFE.30: I'LL TURN INTO ONE!? A DEBAUCHED DEVIL!

ASIA!? WHAT'S WITH THAT AMAZ— I MEAN, INDECENT OUTFIT!?

KIRYUU-SAN...

AND WHO TOLD YOU THAT?

...A-A FRIEND FROM CLASS EXPLAINED IT TO ME. IN JAPAN, THIS IS ESSENTIAL FOR DOING WORK IN THE KITCHEN...

NIYA (GRIN)

HUH!? IT'S NOT THAT I'M PERVERTED OR ANYTHING!

...I SEE. SO THAT'S YOUR STRATEGY. YOU'VE BECOME QUITE THE DEVIOUS DEVIL.

I KNEW IT! THAT SALA-CIOUS FOUR-EYES! DAMN! I CAN'T HELP BUT ADMIRE HER WORK!

BA (HUG)

I CAN'T DO ANY-THING RIGHT...

ASIA...

OH, YOU'RE UPSET ABOUT THOSE GIRLS FROM THE CHURCH. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT JUNK THEY SAID.

...ISSEI-SAN, IT'S NOT THAT I REGRET BECOMING A DEVIL.

YOU, ISSEI-SAN. AND THE PRESIDENT. AND EVERYONE IN OUR CLUB. AND MY FRIENDS AT SCHOOL. AND YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER...

MORE IMPOR-TANT?

BUT NEITHER HAVE I FORGOTTEN MY FAITH...IT'S JUST THAT I'VE FOUND SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY LOVE FOR THE LORD.

I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE AGAIN.

I WANT TO HOLD ON TO YOU FOREVER...

YOU'RE ALL SO PRECIOUS TO ME. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU...

GU (GRIP)

...I'M SO HAPPY TO HAVE MET YOU, ISSEI-SAN...

GYU (HUG)

I'LL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU, ASIA. SO DON'T CRY NOW. SHOW ME THAT TOP-CLASS SMILE OF YOURS.

ACK!

DAMN...! I WANNA GIVE IT A FONDLE! SINK MY CLAWS IN! BUT I'M S'POSED TO PROTECT ASIA. I COULD NEVER...

WELL, SHE IS JUST WEARING AN APRON... OF COURSE EVERY-THING'S OUT THERE FOR THE WORLD TO SEE...

HER LILY-WHITE BACK...! AND THAT SOFT-LOOKING ASS... IN FULL VIEW!

U-FU-FU!

SORRY, AM I INTERRUPTING? I'LL LEAVE. THE KITCHEN IS A FINE PLACE TO MAKE THAT KIND OF MOVE.

MAKE SURE TO DO EVERYTHING BY THE BOOK NOW. AHHH, I CAN'T WAIT TO HOLD MY FIRST GRANDCHILD.

BA (FWIP)

M-MOM!

KAAAA (BLUSH)

...

MY, MY.

BIKU (JUMP)

ISSEI! CHECK OUT MY OUTFIT!

HA (WHAP)

UWAA-AAAH!! TALK ABOUT EMBAR-RASS-ING!

WELL? DOES IT SUIT ME?

!?

I'M NONE...

R-RIGHT!

BU (SPLURT)

C'MON, ASIA, LET'S GET COOKING.

KIRA
キラ

KIRA (SPARKLE)
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AHHH. SAME HERE, DAD.

YOUR OLD MAN'S DIED AND GONE TO HEAVEN. THE WEARINESS OF THE WORK-DAY IS JUST MELTING AWAY.

YOU'VE GOT TO MARRY THEM BOTH, I SUPPOSE. THEN I'LL HAVE TWO SPLENDID DAUGHTERS.

HA-HA-HA. I'LL DO MY BEST, FATHER DEAREST.

THANKS FOR THE MEAL.

BIKUN (JOLT)

I'M JOINING YOU TWO!

MAKE THAT ANOTHER SLEEPLESS NIGHT FOR ME, THEN...

TIME FOR BED, THEN.

BA (WHAP)

!!

KUI

KUI (BECKON)

...IT'S THE SHITTY PRIEST!

HOWDY-DO, ISSEI-KUN, ASIA-TAN. SPLENDID NIGHT, AIN'T IT? YOU KIDS DOIN' ALL RIGHT?

DID I CATCH YOU IN THE MIDDLE OF A FUCK?

MY BAD. FREED-CHIN'S NOT SO GOOD WITH READIN' THE MOMENT, SEE?

YOU SON OF A ...!

CALM DOWN, ISSEI.

THE ONE WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IS UP THERE.

!?

PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE, DAUGHTER OF GREMORY. YOUR CRIMSON HAIR IS AS LOVELY AS THEY SAY.

HOW DO YOU DO, KOKABIEL, LEADER OF THE FALLEN ANGELS?

IT REMINDS ME OF YOUR TROUBLESOME BROTHER, THOUGH, SO PARDON ME IF IT MAKES ME SICK TO MY STOMACH.

THAT'S KOKA-BIEL? F-FOR REAL!?

OOF!

I HAVE A PRESENT FOR YOU.

DOSA (WHUMP)

ASIA!

R-RIGHT AWAY!

I-IRINA!?

UHM...

HFF!

THE DEVIL KING MAY BE MY BROTHER, BUT HE NO LONGER SHARES A POLITICAL CONNECTION WITH THE REST OF MY FAMILY. IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO MAKE SOME SORT OF DIPLOMATIC DEAL, YOUR EFFORTS ARE WASTED.

THAT ONE MADE IT ALL THE WAY TO OUR STRONGHOLD, SO WE GAVE HER A FITTING WELCOME. THE OTHER TWO MANAGED TO GET AWAY.

FUFU...

AS IF I WOULD TRY SOMETHING SO STUPID AS NEGOTIATING WITH THE DEVIL KING. STILL, IF I RAVISHED AND KILLED HIS LITTLE SISTER, SIRZECHS MIGHT TURN HIS FURY ON ME, WHICH COULD HAVE ITS OWN MERITS.

THAT WOULDN'T ESCAPE SIRZECHS'S NOTICE, NOW WOULD IT?

I THOUGHT I MIGHT START BY DESTROYING YOUR HEAD-QUARTERS, KUOU ACADEMY.

...WHAT ARE YOU AFTER, THEN?

DO THAT, AND YOU COULD BRING ABOUT ANOTHER THREE-WAY WAR BETWEEN THE FALLEN ANGELS, GOD, AND THE DEVILS!

WH-WHAT THE —!?

HOW DULL...HOW UNFATHOMABLY DULL! SO I'VE COME TO LAY WASTE TO THE DEVIL KING SIRZECHS'S KID SISTER'S LAIR. COME NOW, DOESN'T THAT SOUND LIKE FUN?

HA-HA-HA! THERE'S NOTHING I'D LIKE MORE!

I THOUGHT THAT JUST STEALING THE EXCALIBURS WOULD BE ENOUGH TO MAKE MICHAEL WAGE WAR, BUT...ALL HE SENT WERE SOME PUNY EXORCISTS AND TWO HOLY SWORD WIELDERS.

EVEN AZAZEL AND SHEMHAZAI HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO BEGIN THE FIGHT ANEW. SO IN MY TEDIUM, I DECIDED TO START COL-LECTING AND EXPERIMENTING WITH SACRED GEARS.

HOW TRUE! RIGHT YOU ARE! I'VE BEEN EVER SO BORED SINCE THE THREE-SIDED WAR ENDED!

...YOU WAR-MONGER.

WELL, THE ***BOOSTED GEAR*** THAT BRAT DOWN THERE HAS IS A DIFFERENT STORY ENTIRELY...

BUT EVEN THAT'S BEEN UTTERLY USELESS.

...ARE YOU GUYS AFTER MY SACRED GEAR TOO?

I CAN'T SAY THAT IT INTERESTS ME MUCH, BUT I SUSPECT THAT AZAZEL WOULD LOVE TO GET HIS HANDS ON IT. HE'S QUITE THE COLLECTOR, YOU SEE.

NO MATTER. EITHER WAY, I'VE BROUGHT THIS HOLY SWORD BATTLE TO YOU, RIAS GREMORY.

AZAZEL... HE'S ANOTHER FALLEN ANGEL BIGWIG... YEAH?

THIS GUY... HE'S TOTALLY OUT OF HIS MIND!

IT'S ALSO THE PERFECT BATTLE-GROUND ON WHICH TO UNLEASH THE TRUE POWER OF EXCALIBUR!

THE SCHOOL ATTENDED BY THE YOUNGER SISTERS OF BOTH SIR-ZECHS AND LEVIATHAN... IT'S ABSOLUTELY PULSING WITH MAGICAL ENERGY. SURELY, CAUSING A BIT OF CHAOS WITHIN WOULD BE SO FUN!

AND HE'S MADE ME THE HAPPIEST LITTLE CAMPER. JUST LOOKIT ALL THESE GOODIES I'VE GOTTEN FROM HIM.

HYAH-HA-HA! MY BOSS IS THE BEST, HUH? JUST NUTSO ENOUGH TO SUIT MY NEEDS!

HERE'S "EXCALIBUR RAPIDLY."

AND WE CAN'T FORGET ABOUT "EXCALIBUR MIMIC," COURTESY OF THAT LITTLE PEACH OVER THERE!

THIS ONE'S "EXCALIBUR NIGHTMARE."

SU (SWF)

"EXCALIBUR TRANSPAR-ENCY" IS ALONG FOR THE RIDE TOO.

PRETTY SURE THIS MAKES ME THE GRADE A, WORLD-CLASS COLLECTOR OF EXCALIBURS, HUH?

OH?

GIVES ME A REAL HANKERIN' FOR THE "EXCALIBUR DESTRUCTION" THAT THE OTHER CHICK WAS LUGGING AROUND.

BEIN' INVINCIBLE'S PRETTY GREAT! IT'S GOOD BEING ON TOP!

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AND THANKS TO THAT SPECIAL "FACTOR" THAT OLD MAN VALPER GAVE ME, I'VE GOT ALL THE OOMPH I NEED TO USE 'EM.

イラ IRA (IRK)

WHY ARE YOU GATHERING EXCALI-BURS IN THE FIRST PLACE!?

TO BE HONEST, I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE HIM WHEN HE FIRST CAME TO ME.

SEEING HOW WELL YOU'VE DONE, VALPER'S EXCALIBUR RESEARCH MUST HAVE BEEN THE REAL THING.

LET'S START A WAR, YOU AND I, RIAS GREMORY, SISTER OF DEVIL KING SIRZECHS LUCIFER!

COME AFTER ME IF YOU WANT TO KNOW SO BADLY.

PAN (BURST)

SHIT!

WHOOPSY DAISY.

SHURURURU (UNRAVEL)

THAT BASTARD PULLED ONE OVER ON US AGAIN!

MOKU (BILLOW)

MOKU

PAPER: IDIOT

R-RIGHT!

ASIA! WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH THE FIRST AID, BRING HER SOMEWHERE SAFE TO REST.

WE'VE GOT TO PROTECT THIS ACADEMY.

YEAH!

I'M GOING TO CONTACT SOHNA. ISSEI, GO AND GET AKENO AND THE OTHERS.

BUT TO BE COMPLETELY FRANK, IF KOKABIEL WERE TO LET LOOSE HIS FULL POWER, THE ENTIRE CITY—NEVER MIND KUOU—WOULD LIKELY BE DESTROYED.

FIRST, WE ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL WILL TRY TO ABATE THE DAMAGE TO THE BARRIER OVER THE SCHOOL.

MY SERVANTS SPOTTED HIM RELEASING SOME OF HIS POWER IN THE SCHOOL YARD.

AND IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE HAS ALREADY MADE PREPARATIONS TO DO JUST THAT.

WE CAN'T LET HIM! HE'S PICKED THE WRONG DEVILS TO MESS WITH!

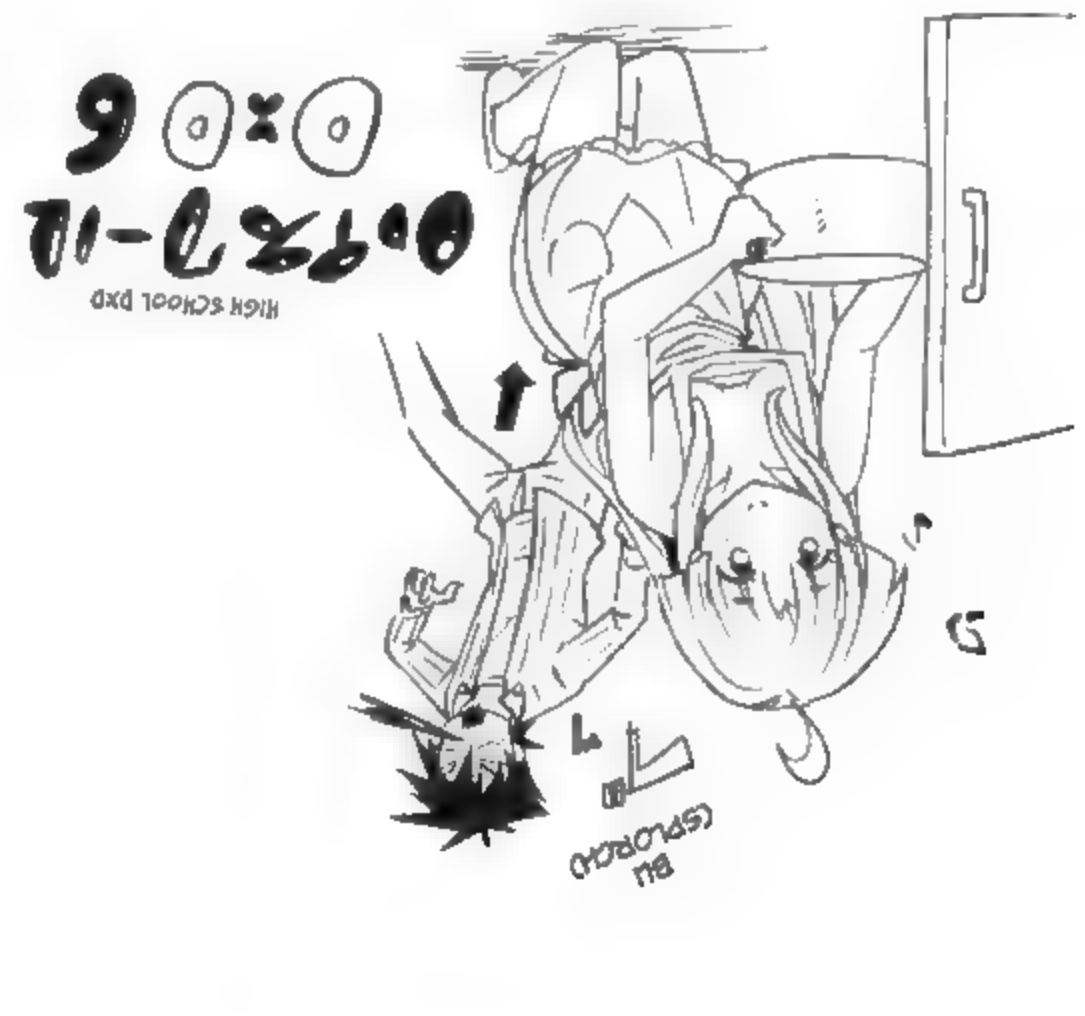
THE... WHOLE CITY? THIS IS BIG... HE'S WILLING TO DESTROY OUR SCHOOL AND HOMES TO START A WAR?

I HATE TO THINK OF OUR ACADEMY COMING TO HARM, BUT OUR FOE IS AN ELITE AMONG FALLEN ANGELS. WE HAVE TO PREPARE FOR THE WORST...

IN ORDER TO REDUCE POTENTIAL DESTRUCTION TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, WE'LL CONTINUE REINFORCING OUR BARRIER IN THE APPROPRIATE SPOTS.

THANK YOU, SOHNA.

JUST LEAVE THE REST TO US.



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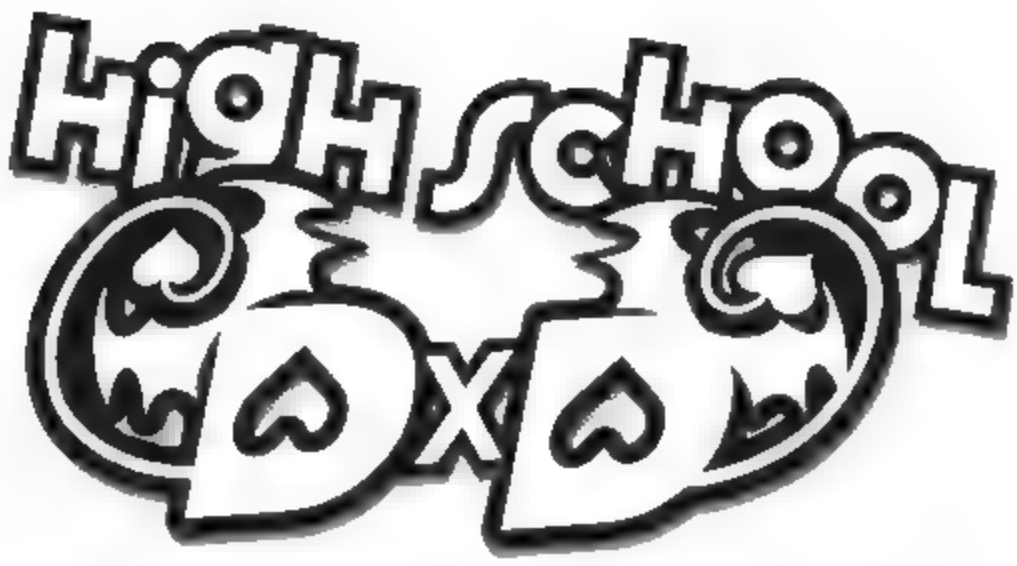
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LIFE.31: GO GET 'EM! OCCULT RESEARCH CLUB!

RIAS, OUR OPPONENT IS A MONSTER IN A CLASS OF HIS OWN. PERHAPS IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO REACH OUT TO YOUR BROTHER—

OH? I DON'T SEE YOU CALLING ON YOUR ELDER SISTER, SOHNA.

WELL, YOU SEE, IN MY CASE...

AKENO, HOW DARE YOU!?

I'VE ALREADY CONTACTED SIRZECHS-SAMA.

...BUT THIS CLEARLY ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN OVERCOME ON YOUR OWN.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR RELUCTANCE TO BOTHER HIM AFTER THE RECENT TROUBLES WITH YOUR FAMILY...

RIAS... LET US ACCEPT THE AID OF THE DEVIL KING!

...VERY WELL.

HAAH...

UGH.

SIRZECHS-SAMA'S REINFORCEMENTS SHOULD ARRIVE IN ABOUT AN HOUR.

AN HOUR... UNDERSTOOD. IN THE MEANTIME, I VOW ON THE NAME OF SITRI TO HOLD STRONG THE SCHOOL BARRIER ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL.

THAT LEAVES OFFENSE TO US. WE'LL BE ON THE WATCH FOR KOKABIEL, SHOULD HE PIERCE THROUGH THE BARRIER AND REACH THE ACADEMY.

THIS ISN'T LIKE THE FIGHT WITH PHOENIX. IT'S A BATTLE TO THE DEATH THIS TIME.

WE'RE GOING TO SURVIVE AND PROTECT OUR BELOVED SCHOOL!

BUT I DON'T GIVE YOU PERMIS-SION TO DIE.

BA (WHAP)

RIGHT!

YEAH, YEAH, I GOT THIS! YOU JUST WORRY ABOUT YOUR SORE ASS, M'FRIEND.

HYOU-DOU! DON'T SCREW UP!

I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT HIM.

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S KIBA?

DON'T REMIND ME! IT HURTS JUST THINKING ABOUT IT!

JIN (THROB)

JIN

SOUNDS GOOD, DDRAIG. WE'LL SHOW HIM ALL RIGHT.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I'LL TRUST HIM.

LATER, MAN.

WE'LL GIVE 'EM A TASTE OF THE POWER OF THE DRAGON.

LET'S SHOW HIM WHAT WE'VE GOT, FRIEND.

SO OUR OPPO-NENT IS KOKA-BIEL? MAKE SURE YOU'RE READY.

PAAAA (GLOW)

WHAT ON EARTH ...?

HOW MUCH LONGER, VALPER?

I'M COMBINING THE FOUR HOLY SWORDS INTO ONE.

IT WON'T BE BUT ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES.

WELL, IS SIRZECHS COMING? OR WILL IT BE SERAFALL?

I SEE.

HYU (WHIP)

SU (FWIP)

YOU'RE GETTING US IN PLACE OF MY BROTHER AND LEVIATHAN-SAMA.

GO (BOOM)

HE IS A BEING MADE MENTION OF IN THE BIBLE. ONE OF THE SUPREME ANCIENTS. A SURVIVOR OF BATTLES WITH THE PREVIOUS DEVIL KING AND GOD HIMSELF.

Y-YOU KID-DING ME ...?

...WELL, BE THAT AS IT MAY, YOU'LL PROVIDE SOME AMUSEMENT ALL THE SAME.

GICHI (GRIND)

DISAP-POINT-ING.

...JUST HOW STRONG IS THIS GUY?

AND EVEN IF YOU CAN'T COME OUT OF THIS THE VICTOR, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO TEMPORARI-LY HALT HIS ASSAULT.

IF IT COMES TO IT, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DEFEAT HIM BY GIVING YOUR BODY OVER TO ME.

GARA

GARA (CRUMBLE)

AND WE'RE SUP-POSED TO BEAT HIM?

-JUST LOOK AT WHAT HE DID TO THE GYM...

WHY DON'T I LET YOU PLAY WITH MY PET? I'VE BROUGHT HIM UP FROM HELL.

ZUN (STOMP)

7"

GURURURURU (GRRROWL)

CER-BERUS!

THIS LOOKS BAD...

HOW COULD YOU BRING SUCH A CREATURE TO THE HUMAN WORLD!?

HE WAS ORIGINALLY THE GUARD DOG MEANT TO GUARD THE VERY GATES OF HELL AND THE DEVIL REALM...

WE'VE NO CHOICE! LET'S TAKE THIS THING DOWN, EVERY-ONE!

BA (BAM)

YEAH!

HUH?

ISSEI, YOU'RE BEST SUITED FOR SUPPORT IN THIS FIGHT.

HERE WE GO, BOOSTED GEEEAR!

LISTEN UP, MUTT! YOU'RE LOOKING A LITTLE WILD, SO I THINK IT'S TIME TO HOUSE-BREAK YOU!

BOOST!

OH YEAH. I'M NOT MUCH ON MY OWN, BUT IF I CAN POWER YOU GUYS UP, WE'LL BE AT A HUGE ADVANTAGE SINCE YOU'RE ALL SCARY-STRONG TO BEGIN WITH...! BUT WILL IT BE ENOUGH TO TAKE DOWN KOKABIEL...?

I EXPECT THE WHOLE TEAM WILL MAKE GOOD USE OF THE BOOSTS YOUR ABILITY CAN GRANT.

PLEASE JUST TRANSFER THE POWER YOU'VE RAISED TO US.

OKAY. WE DON'T WANT YOU SHOOTING BLANKS NOW.

MY LIMIT'S THREE OR FOUR. WELL, I'LL PROLLY COLLAPSE AFTER THE FOURTH, SO LET'S JUST SAY THREE...

INCLUDING YOUR OWN POWER BOOSTS, HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO THE TRANSFER?

YES, LET'S!

LET'S MOVE, AKENO!

BA (FLAP)

KEEP BOOSTING UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO TRANSFER, ISSEI.

GURURURURU (GRRROWL)

KOOOOO (RUMMMMBLE)

GOOOO (VOOOM)

BLIN (VMM)

BA (FLAP)

GODAA (BWAFOOM)

SHUUUU (FSSHHH)

THAT TICKLED.

AN OPEN-ING.

KOOO (RUMBLE)

GA (CHOMP)

BACHI

HERE COMES ANOTHER ATTACK FOR YOU!

BACHI (CRACKLE)

GOKIN (CKERWHAM)

TAKE THIS!

ZUGA (KATHOOM)

GURURURU

I'M NOT AT MY MAX YET...WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

GURURURURU (GRRROWL)

HMM?

DAMN! IT'S STILL STAND-ING?

A!!!

DA (DASH)

ASHIA!

ANOTHER ONE!?

GUOOOO (ROOOOAR)

ZUSHA (SLASH)

APOLO-
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ARRIVAL.

YOUR
BACKUP
HAS
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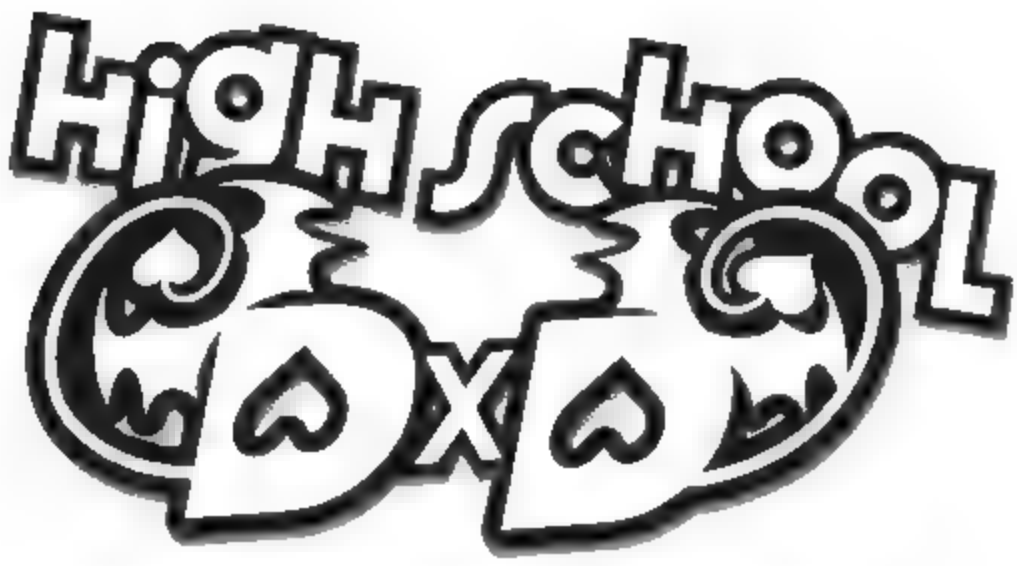
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LIFE.32: I'LL PUT DOWN... THE GUARD DOG FROM HELL!

PAA (GLOW)

SWEET! ALL SET OVER HERE TOO!

ZUSAAAA (CRUMBLE)

WOWW...

BASA (FLAP)

BASA

IT'S TRANS-FER TIME!

PRES-IDENT! AKENO-SAN!

LET'S GO, BOOSTED GEAR! GIFT!

GOT IT!

SO IT'S POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO TRANSFER TO TWO THINGS AT ONCE! PLEASE LEND YOUR STRENGTH TO AKENO AND ME!

ISSEI, REMEMBER WHEN YOU STRENGTHENED THE POWER OF BOTH THE CROSS AND THE HOLY WATER DURING YOUR FIGHT WITH RISER?

HUH? ...JUST FOR A SECOND, YEAH... I GUESS I DID.

KA (FLASH)

TRANSFER!!

...IN-CREDI-BLE.

AKENO!

YES!

KYAN (YELP)

KYAN

DA (DASH)

AH!

AT THE VERY HINT OF AKENO-SAN'S BLOODLUST, THE GUARDIAN OF THE GATES OF HELL...IS TURNING TAIL AND RUNNING!

U FU FU!

BACHI (CRACKLE)

BACHI

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY.

KIBA!

DAMN HIM! RUNNING IN TO STEAL THE SHOW WITH HIS PERFECT TIMING!

SWORD BIRTH!!

ZASHU (THRUST)

UNLEASH YOUR ROAR!

ZUGA (ZAP)

GA

AKENO, DO IT NOW!

THUN-DER!

EAT THIS, KOKA-BIEL!

DOLOOO KAVOOOM

IT'S HUGE!

SU SWIP

ZU (HEFT)

NO WAY! HE DEFLECTED THAT GIANT SPELL WITH JUST ONE HAND...!?

BAN (WHOOM)

—IT IS COM-PLETE.

SHUUUU (FSSSHH)

I SEE. SO HAVING THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR'S POWER ALLOWS YOU TO ENHANCE YOUR OWN STRENGTH THIS MUCH.

THIS ENTIRE CITY WILL BE REDUCED TO RUBBLE WITHIN THE NEXT TWENTY MINUTES.

THE RITUAL TO UNITE THE FOUR HOLY SWORDS INTO ONE HAS BEEN FULLY REALIZED.

IF YOU WISH TO ABORT THE RITUAL, YOUR ONLY OPTION IS TO SLAY KOKABIEL.

WHAT!?

FREED.

THAT DOESN'T EVEN LEAVE US TIME FOR SIRZECHS-SAMA'S REINFORCE-MENTS TO GET HERE!

TWENTY MINUTES ...

IT'S TIME FOR THE LAST ACT. DEMONSTRATE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SWORD MADE OF THE FOUR.

YEPPER, BOSS.

OH! BUT! I S'POSE IT'S A MIGHTY HIGH HONOR OR WHATEVER TO GET TO TEST OUT THE TOOOTALLY NEW AND FAB EXCALIBUR-CHAN?

YEAH, YEAH. BROTHER, THE OL' BOSS MAN SURE KNOWS HOW TO PUT HIS MINIONS TO WORK.

SU (SSK)

OH

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

IF OUR DEAL FROM BEFORE STILL STANDS, THEN HELP ME DESTROY THAT HOLY SWORD.

WEH-HEH-HEH! WHADDAYA SAY WE GO CHOP US UP SOME DEVILS?

BUN

BUN (SWING)

I'M THE BEST IN THE WORLD AT MAKIN' 'EM SING ♪

HOLY SWORDS ARE REALLY MY THING ♪

WORST-CASE SCENARIO, AS LONG AS I CAN RETRIEVE THE "FRAGMENTS" THAT MAKE UP ITS CORE, ALL WILL BE WELL.

I NEED TO ASK.

WHAT POS-SESSED YOU TO DO IT?

THAT IS TO SAY, THIS BODY OF MINE WAS KILLED BY YOU. IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I WAS REVIVED AS A DEVIL THAT I STAND HERE TODAY.

VALPER GALILEI, I AM A SURVIVOR OF THE "HOLY SWORD PROJECT."

SO YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW CRUSHED I WAS WHEN I LEARNED THAT I DIDN'T HAVE THE APTITUDE TO WIELD THEM MYSELF...

I WAS FASCINATED WITH HOLY SWORDS TO THE POINT THAT I DREAMED OF THEM. EVEN AS A CHILD, READING ABOUT THEM BROUGHT JOY TO MY HEART.

HOHH. A SURVIVOR OF THE PROJECT?

THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR FELLOW TEST SUBJECTS, I ACHIEVED MY GOAL.

THOSE FEELINGS PROPELLED ME INTO RESEARCH AIMED AT CREATING ARTIFICIAL HOLY SWORD USERS.

LACKING THAT WAS PRECISELY WHY I SO ADMIRED THOSE WHO COULD WIELD THEM.

YOU DECIDED WE WERE FAILED EXPERIMENTS AND JUST THREW US OUT LIKE TRASH!!

ACHIEVED YOUR GOAL?

I POSITED THAT PERHAPS THE FACTOR COULD BE HARVESTED AND COMBINED.

SO I CAME UP WITH A THEORY.

ALMOST ALL OF THE TEST SUBJECTS WERE IN POSSESSION OF THE FACTOR, BUT ITS PRESENCE WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH IN ANY TO BE EFFECTIVE.

I REALIZED THAT A CERTAIN "FACTOR" WAS NECESSARY TO CREATE AN EFFECTIVE WIELDER. I RESEARCHED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE REQUIRED QUANTITY OF SAID FACTOR AND APTITUDE.

LIKE THIS ONE.

THAT'S RIGHT. I CREATED CRYSTALS FROM THE EXTRACTS OF THAT HOLY FACTOR.

I THOUGHT AS MUCH. SO THE THING PLACED IN WIELDERS' BODIES WHEN THEY RECEIVE THEIR BLESSINGS IS...

BUT THOSE FOOLS IN THE CHURCH DECIDED TO HOLD ON TO MY RESEARCH AFTER EXPELLING ME AS A HERETIC.

THANKS TO THIS, RESEARCH ON HOLY SWORD WIELDERS PROGRESSED SPLENDIDLY.

CURSE THAT MICHAEL FOR CONDEMNING ME...

JUDGING BY YOU, IT WOULD SEEM THAT MY WORK WAS CONTINUED BY ANOTHER...

INDEED. THREE WERE USED ON FREED'S COHORT. THIS IS THE FINAL REMAINING CRYSTAL.

HYAH-HA-HA! I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO JIVED WITH THOSE ROCKS! EVERYONE ELSE JUST ROLLED OVER AND DIED!

—SO YOU KILLED MY COMRADES TO EXTRACT THEIR ESSENCES?

GIRI (GRIT)

VALDERR!

HOW MANY LIVES HAVE YOU TOYED WITH FOR YOUR OWN SICK DESIRES?

...I'LL SHOW THEM THE MIGHT THAT MY RESEARCH HAS WROUGHT.

HA

HA

HA

THE FOOLISH ANGELS AND THE PEONS OF THE CHURCH WHO CONDEMNED ME...

HA

KATSUN (CLATTER)

IN ANY CASE, THIS ONE IS AN EXTRA. CONSIDER IT A PRESENT. IT'S ALL THAT REMAINS OF YOUR PRECIOUS COMRADES.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE IN LEAGUE WITH KOKA-BIEL...

AND FOR THAT, YOU...

...MY FRIENDS ...

...

...FOR-GIVE ME.

!!

PAA (GLOW)

YOU GUYS!

I... I'VE —!

IS IT...

...REALLY OKAY THAT I WENT ON LIVING...?

I'VE NEVER... EVER STOPPED THINKING ABOUT YOU...

JUST LIVE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT US ANYMORE ...

SOME OF YOU HAD DREAMS MUCH BIGGER THAN MINE. SOME OF YOU HAD FAR GREATER WILL TO LIVE. HOW IS IT FAIR THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS TO LIVE IN PEACE...?

NONE OF US WERE ENOUGH BY OURSELVES.

BUT TOGETHER, WE'LL BE FINE.

TAKE UP A HOLY SWORD.

THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR.

EVEN IF THERE REALLY IS NO GOD WATCHING OVER US...

...OUR HEARTS CAN STILL...

...BEAT AS ONE.

PAA (GLOW)

MY FRIEND.

THAT "KNIGHT" IS FINALLY WHOLE.

KIBA!

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON!?

HIS WILL HAS BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO OPPOSE THE VERY FLOW OF THE UNIVERSE, PRODUCING AN AWESOME TRANSFORMATION OF HIS SACRED GEAR.

BUT THIS IS ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL ENTIRELY.

SACRED GEARS EVOLVE AND GROW STRONGER ACCORDING TO THE WILLS OF THEIR USERS, IT'S TRUE.

—THE BALANCE BREAKER.

AND THAT IS ITS VERY EMBODIMENT—

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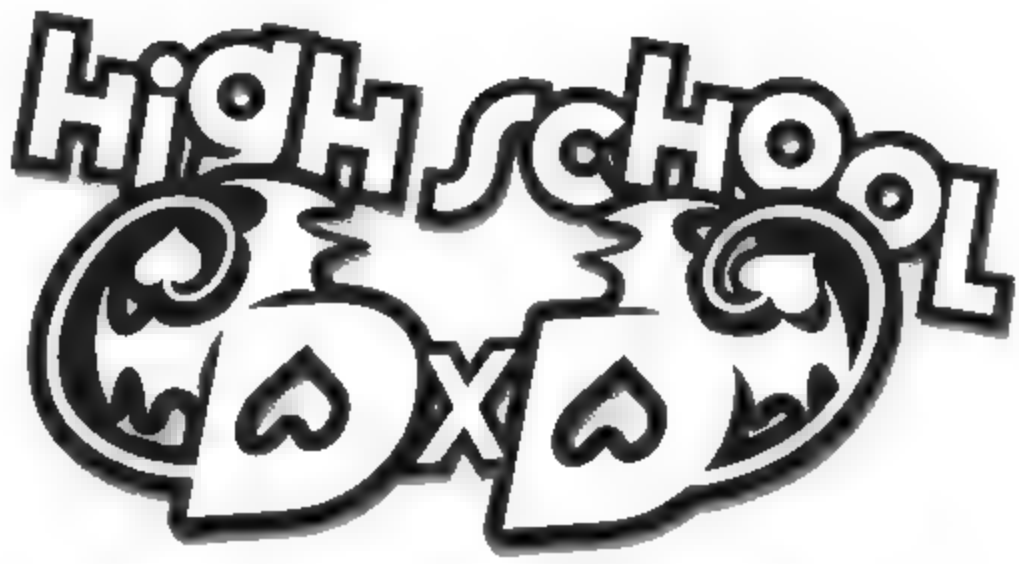
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LIFE.33: A FIERCE BATTLE! VS. ARCHNEMESIS FREED!

I JUST WANTED TO LIVE.

AS I RAN, SPITTING UP BLOOD, ALL I COULD THINK WAS...

I MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE FACILITY ALONE...

...."I WANT TO LIVE."

WHAT IS IT YOU DESIRE?

LIFE.33: A FIERCE BATTLE! VS. ARCHNEMESIS FREED!

BUT, THAT'S FINE. I...

...SAVE...

HEH-HEH-HEH... OF COURSE. NO BLESSING WOULD COME TO ONE WHO'D ABANDONED HIS COMRADES.

DO (THUD)

...ME...

SAVE ME.

—I WANT TO LIVE.

SAVE MY TALENTS.

SAVE MY BEING.

SAVE MY LIFE.

SAVE MY DREAMS.

SAVE MY FRIENDS.

BUT I COULD NEVER FORGET MY HATRED OF HOLY SWORDS, NOR THE REGRETS OF MY FALLEN FRIENDS.

I NOW EXIST AS A DEVIL.

THAT IS WHAT BOTH MY MASTER AND I WISH.

PAAAA (GLOW)

...I HAVE THE BEST FRIENDS A GUY COULD ASK FOR, FRIENDS WHO ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT ME...!

...ALTHOUGH I WANT TO FORGET. BECAUSE NOW...

TO PREVENT HISTORY FROM REPEATING ITSELF...

...YOU, VALPER GALILEI, MUST BE DESTROYED!

...THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT ANY SORT OF REVENGE.

AND MY OLD COMRADES TOLD ME THAT I HAVE TO LIVE...

HMPH!

THAT SAID, THIS STILL ISN'T OVER.

KIBA-AAAA!

GO ON AND TAKE DOWN THAT BASTARD FREED AND HIS EXCALIBUR! SMASH IT TO BITS!

HMPH! IN RESEARCH, SACRIFICES ARE ALWAYS NECESSARY FOR PROGRESS. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT.

...FIGHT, YUUTO-SENPAI!

YUUTO-KUN! WE BELIEVE IN YOU!

JUST DO IT, YUUTO! MY KNIGHT WON'T LOSE TO EXCALIBUR OF ALL THINGS! IT'S UP TO YOU TO FINISH THIS!

HA-HA-HA! WHAT'S WITH THE WATER-WORKS? SO YOU HAD A HEART-TO-HEART WITH SOME GHOSTS? WHO CARES!? WHAT A FRIGGIN' JOKE!

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE! ONLY THING THAT'LL CALM ME DOWN IS SEEING YOUR HEAD SEPARATED FROM YOUR BODY! AND I'LL DO IT WITH THIS BABY— MY UNMATCHED FOUR-SWORD-COMBO-CHAN!

YOU GUYS!

I AM ONE WITH THE BLADE.

ZA (STAND)

FREED SELLZEN! I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO SULLY THE SPIRITS OF MY COMRADES TRAPPED IN THOSE CRYSTALS ANY LONGER! THESE TEARS OF MINE WILL BE THE LAST THING YOU EVER SEE!

COME FORTH, SWORD EMBODYING MY FRIENDS! RESPOND TO MY WILL AND COME TO ME NOW!

DAA (GLOW)

MY DEAR FRIENDS! NOW IS THE TIME! LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN TOGETHER... THE HOPES AND DREAMS WE COULDN'T FULFILL BEFORE!

VUON (VOOM)

SWORD BIRTH!

VUUN (FOOM)

—BALANCE BREAKER! "SWORD OF THE BETRAY-ER."

I'LL BRING AN END TO YOU WITH A BLADE THAT COM-BINES BOTH HOLY POWER AND DEVIL MAGIC.

DON (BAM)

HEE HEE HEE!

ZA (SKSH)

DA (DASH)

HYU (PWOOSH)

GAH!!

EXTEND!

TCH!!

GIN (CLANG).

BAKI! (CRACK)

HYUBA (WHIZAP)

BA

BA

I'M NOT DONE YET!

THAT WAS EXCAL-IBUR MIMIC'S ABILITY, HUH?

TAN (TMP)

SO FAST...! MUST BE EXCALIBUR RAPIDLY...

BUT!

SLI (SWF)

HYU

HYU

GUESS I'LL TRY MY OWN UPGRADE ON FOR SIIIIZE!

WHAT THE HELLLL!? WHY CAN'T I HIT YOOOU? STOP SCREWING ME OVER, HOLY SWORD-SAMAAA!

SULI (FADE)

IT'S NO USE, THOUGH. I CAN SENSE HIS THIRST FOR BLOOD CLEAR AS DAY...!

BISHU (FWISH)

THE BLADE VANISHED!? SO THIS IS "EXCALIBUR TRANSPARENCY"...

HYU (WHOOSH)

YOU STEPPED ON IT!?

GISHI (KRANG)

DAN (STOMP)

BA (LEAP)

NOW JUST STAY RIGHT THERE.

ZUDON (KATHWAM)

TCH!

BUN (WHOOSH)

PETER, BASIL, DIONYSUS, AND LASTLY, THE VIRGIN MARY.

ZUZUZU (DRRRAG)

LEND THINE EARS TO MY HUMBLE REQUEST.

VUN (HUM)

I WIELD THIS BLADE IN THE NAMES OF THE SAINTS WHO DWELL WITHIN IT—

DURANDAL!

THEN, HOW CAN YOU ...?

TRUE. NOT EVEN THE VATICAN WAS ABLE TO ARTIFICIALLY CREATE A WIELDER OF DURANDAL.

ZA (SKSH)

IMPOSSIBLE! IN ALL MY YEARS OF RESEARCH, THERE WERE NONE WHO CAME CLOSE TO WIELDING DURANDAL!!

WE'RE AMONG THE FEW NATURAL-BORN USERS.

THERE IS NOTHING ARTIFICIAL ABOUT IRINA AND ME.

I'LL END YOUR LIFE WITH A SINGLE SLASH!!

DA (DASH)

THANKS TO YOU, FREED SELLZEN, THE WORLD WILL BEAR WITNESS TO A DECISIVE CLASH BETWEEN EXCALIBUR AND DURANDAL.

BA (WHAP)

BA

BA

WHY CAN'T I HIT YOUU-UUUU!?

FREAKIN' SHITHEAD!!

BISHU (TWISH)

HOW'S THAT EVEN POS-SIBLEEE!? YOU MAKE A BIG ENTRANCE, AND NOW A MAJOR PLOT TWIST! WELL, HAVE AT ME, YOU SHIT-EATING, SHITTY BITCH!

PAKI
(SHATTER)

BA
(JUMP)

CHECK-
MATE.

YOU'RE SHITTING ME! HOW COULD THE LEGENDARY EXCALIBUR-CHAN DIE LIKE THIS? HOW CRUEL! TOO CRUEL, I TELL YA! GAH! HOW MANY TIMES IS THIS POOR LITTLE SOD GONNA GET SHATTERED AND RECYCLED?

AND SO THE HOLY SWORD IS BROKEN. IT COULD NOT STAND UP TO DURANDAL'S MIGHT.

GI (GRIND)

PAKIIN (CRACK)

...DID YOU SEE THAT?

OUR COMBINED POWER OVERCAME EXCALIBUR...

GAHAH!

DO (THUD)

YOU'RE NEXT. I HOPE YOU'RE PREPARED TO DIE.

A HOLY DEVIL SWORD...? IT'S UNTHINKABLE THAT SUCH OPPOSING FORCES COULD BE UNITED IN ONE BLADE...

HYUN (FWOOSH)

...I SEE NOW! I UNDERSTAND! THE KEY BEHIND IT ALL...THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE BALANCE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL IS SHATTERED. THAT EXPLAINS IT.

IN OTHER WORDS, NOT JUST THE DEVIL KING, BUT GOD TOO —!?

DO (STAB)

YOU WERE A GREAT MAN, VALPER.

DOSA (THUMP)

KI (SHING)

NOW THEN, LET'S END THIS.

BUT I SHOULD HAVE ELIMINATED YOU FROM THE START AND FORGED AHEAD ALONE.

IT'S BEYOND IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO FIGURE IT OUT IN THE END.

GO AHEAD AND TRANSFER THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR'S POWER TO SOMEONE. HURRY IT UP.

NII (LEER)

YOU'RE THE ONES WHO DON'T SEEM TO GRASP THE DIFFERENCE IN POWER HERE.

HOW CAN YOU BE SO CONFIDENT? DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE US...!

GO (RUMBLE)

GO

YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT ME?

WHO'S FIRST?

GO

GO

KA (SHINE)

TCH... ISSEI, TRANS-FER YOUR POWER TO ME!

Y-YEAH!

TRANSFER!!

MWAH-HA-HA-HA! GOOD, GOOD! YOUR MAGIC IS ALMOST AS STRONG AS THE DEVIL KING'S!

GO

GO

GO

GO

YOU AND YOUR BROTHER HAVE TRULY BEEN BLESSED WITH NIGH UNBEATABLE ABILITIES!

VANISH!

BA (BAM)

WHAT FUN YOU ARE, SISTER OF DEVIL KING SIRZECHS!

GOOOO KWHOOOM

NNNNNNGH!

GUH!!

BA (FLAP)

GA

GA (ZAP)

GA

GA

...HOHH. YOU MUST BE BARAQUIEL'S...

BARI

...DON'T YOU DARE SPEAK OF HIM AND ME IN THE SAME BREATH!

BARI (BZZT)

NLIN GOOMD

BASA (FLAP)

TAN (TMP)

ALL THAT MAGIC POWER STILL WASN'T ENOUGH TO BEAT HIM...

HFF!

HFF!

IT CAN'T BE...!

LIKE SIRZECHS, YOU SEEM TO HAVE A PENCHANT FOR POWERFUL ODDITIES!

SO YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN DEVIL SCUM NOW, DAUGHTER OF BARA-QUIEL! YOU'VE AMASSED QUITE THE PEERAGE, RIAS GREMORY.

I WON'T FORGIVE SLANDER AGAINST MY BR— AGAINST THE DEVIL KING!

AND ABOVE ALL ELSE, THE PRICE FOR MOCKING MY DEAR SERVANTS IS UTTER ANNIHILA-TION!

TCH ...!

WHAT A WELCOME OPPOR-TUNITY FOR ME TO SEE WHAT YOU'RE REALLY MADE OF!

IS THAT RIGHT? YOU'LL REALLY BE THE ONES TO STAND AGAINST ME HERE? I, THE AGE-OLD ARCHENEMY OF DEVILS EVERY-WHERE?

MASTER OF THE WELSH DRAGON! CRIMSON-HAIRED RUIN PRIN-CESS!

JUST TRY TO DESTROY ME, SISTER OF THE DEVIL KING!

なんじゃこりゃあ…
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN TO MEEEE!?
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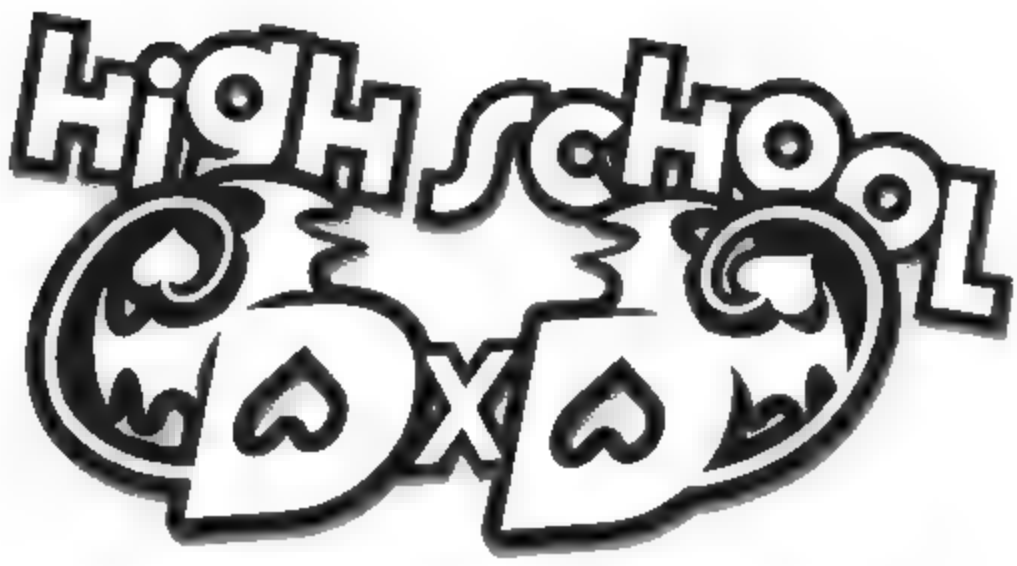
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LIFE.34: BURN ON! LECHERY & FERVOR!!

DA (TMP)

DA

LET'S RUSH HIM TOGETH-ER.

BA (FWIP)

NII (LEER)

VLIN (HUM)

DURANDAL, YOU SAY? IT SHINES BRIGHTER THAN EXCALIBUR. THIS IS THE REAL THING.

GIRURI (GRIND)

KIN (CLANK)

GIN (CLANG)

!

GA (WHAM)

HOW-EVER!

DOSU (THUD)

KOFF!

I'LL DESTROY YOU WITH MY HOLY DEVIL SWORD!

I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE TO ANYONE ELSE!

NI

IT'S ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS USER. THE ONE BEFORE YOU WAS UNCOM-MONLY FIERCE.

SFX: GAKUN (STUMBLE)

DA (DASH)

THERE!

GAH!!

GIGIIN (KRACHANG)

LAUGH-ABLE! YOU'LL NEVER BEAT ME LIKE THIS!

HYUN (WHOOSH)

DO (PIERCE)

!!

AH!! DA!!

KO-NEKO-CHAN!

TOO!

YOU'RE!

WEAK!!

ZUN (THOOM)

I CAN'T WIN. EVEN AGAINST THE BALANCE BREAKER, THIS TOP-CLASS FALLEN ANGEL IS BARELY BREAKING A SWEAT...HOW CAN HE BE SO STRONG?

DON'T WORRY, KIBA! LEAVE KONEKO-CHAN TO ME!

GASHI (CATCH)

HOLY DEVIL SWORD!

BA (WHAD)

I CAN'T ACCEPT IT! ABANDON ALL THOUGHT OF LOSING! I HAVE TO WIN THIS AT ALL COSTS!

TRYING AGAIN, ARE WE? BRING IT!

DO

DO

DO

DO

DO

DO (SHHK)

DO

GIN

BA

GIN (CLANG)

GACHIN (HALT)

SO THIS IS ALL YOU'VE GOT.

BA (LUNGE)

GYU (TURN)

BI (F.WIP)

YOU TWO FIGHT WELL. EVEN AFTER HAVING LOST YOUR TRUSTY LORD...

KUH KUH KUH... NOW THAT WAS WELL-DONE.

TCH... IT WAS TOO SHAL-LOW!

HFF!

HFF!

NOW'S AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY. YOU SHOULD KNOW...

BWAH-HA-HA-HA-HA! I SUPPOSE THEY DON'T TELL YOU MAGGOTS MUCH, DO THEY?

...?

...WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

GOD IS DEAD.

IT WASN'T ONLY THE FOURTH DEVIL KING WHO PERISHED IN THE GREAT WAR. GOD WAS ALSO KILLED.

...THERE IS NO GOD? THEN WHAT WAS IT WE BELIEVED IN AS WE WASTED OUR LIVES IN THAT FACILITY...?

ONLY THE TOP BRASS OF EACH FACTION WAS AWARE IN THE FIRST PLACE. VALPER REALIZED TOO A MOMENT BEFORE I KILLED HIM.

BUT IT WAS HARDLY IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE THREE RAVAGED POWERS TO INFORM HUMANS OF THIS. AFTER ALL, ANGELS AND DEVILS ALIKE RELY ON HUMANS FOR THEIR ENDLESS FAITH AND PROPENSITY FOR DEVILISH DEALS.

EACH OF THE POWERS SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES LAST TIME, AFTER ALL.

AND IT'S NOT AS IF ANOTHER WAR WILL BREAK OUT UNLESS SOMEONE SCHEMES TO CAUSE ONE.

YOU LIE...

I COULDN'T BEAR IT! IF ONLY WE FALLEN ANGELS COULD TAKE OVER, WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO RELY ON HUMANS ANYMORE!

THAT BASTARD AZAZEL PRO-CLAIMED, "THERE WILL BE NO SECOND WAR," AND THAT WAS THE END OF IT!

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU SUPPOSED PAWN OF GOD. THERE IS NO LOVE! HOW COULD THERE BE? GOD IS GONE AND SO IS HIS GRACE.

GOD IS...DEAD? THEN ARE WE NOT REALLY BLESSED BY HIS LOVE .....?

WELL, THE SYSTEM GOD PUT IN PLACE TO PROVIDE POWER FOR BLESSINGS, EXORCISTS, AND THE LIKE CONTINUES TO FUNCTION.

BUT COMPARED TO WHEN HE STILL LIVED, THE CURRENT ERA HAS SEEN A MARKED DECREASE IN THE STRENGTH OF THAT DIVINE PROTECTION AND ALL THOSE WHO UTILIZE IT.

THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO PRODUCE A HOLY DEVIL SWORD AT ALL IS PROOF. WITH GOD AND THE DEVIL KING DEAD, THE BALANCE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL HAS CRUMBLED COMPLETELY.

I FEEL HER PAIN... SHE'S DEVOTED THE GREATER PART OF HER LIFE SO FAR TO GOD... I-MYSELF WASN'T SO DIFFERENT AT ONE POINT.

ASIA, KEEP IT TOGETHER NOW!

GAKUN (SLUMP)

LUCIFER AND MICHAEL...BOTH ARE BEINGS OF GREAT POWER WRITTEN OF IN THE BIBLE. AND KOKABIEL HAS THE POWER TO MATCH THEM...WE'RE OUT OF OUR LEAGUE HERE. WE HAVE NO HOPE OF WINNING...!

WAR IS COM-ING!

I'LL TAKE YOUR HEADS AND SHOW LUCIFER AND MICHAEL THAT THE FALLEN ANGELS REIGN SUPREME!

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...

BAAA (BOOM)

I'M GONNA BE THE HAREM KING!

YOU'RE OVER THERE RUNNING YOUR MOUTH ABOUT STARTING SOME WAR, BUT ALL YOU'RE REALLY DOING IS INTERFERING IN MY GRAND PLAN.

HEH-HEH-HEH... HAREM? THAT'S YOUR DESIRE, RED DRAGON EMPEROR?

THEN JUST COME WITH ME, AND YOU'LL HAVE WHAT YOU WANT! YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE WOMEN YOU DESIRE.

.....

MOJI (SQUIRM)

MOJI

SHUUU (FSSHHH)

.....

BA (PULSE)

BA

...

BA

BA

ISSEI-KUN, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!?

ISSEI! WIPE THAT DROOL OFF YOUR FACE! AT A TIME LIKE THIS? REALLY!?

Y-YOU THINK YOU CAN TRICK ME WITH AN OFFER LIKE THAT!?

ZEE

ZEE (PANT) I

IF IT'S GIRLS YOU WANT, THEN JUST SURVIVE THIS BATTLE. AND ONCE WE'RE DONE, WE CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!

PEKO (BOW)

PEKO

S-SORRY. I'VE JUST GOT THIS WEAKNESS FOR THE WORD "HAREM"...

SURE! THAT'S A SMALL PRICE TO PAY IF YOU HELP US WIN!

SERIOUSLY!? W-WELL, CAN I EVEN SUCK ON YOUR BOOBS!?

I'LL GET TO SUCK ON 'EM...

HEH HEH HEH! SUCK 'EM.

OKAAAAAAAY! IF I WANNA SUCK ON THE PRESIDENT'S NIPPLES, I GOTTA TAKE YOU DOWN, KOKABIEL!

BISHI (JABBB)

THAT'S HIS MOTIVA-TION!? IS THAT REALLY WORTHY OF THE WELSH DRAGON!?

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR'S POWER HAS BEEN UNLEASHED OVER THE PROSPECT OF SUCKLING AT A WOMAN'S BREAST.

I'LL JUST SAY IT ONCE, SO LISTEN UP, KOKABIEL! I'M THE BEARER OF THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR, AND I LIVE ON A STEADY STREAM OF LECHERY AND FERVOR!

THAT'S ME, ISSEI HYOUDOU, PAWN TO RIAS GREMORY!

HERE WE GO!
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NOW IT'S MY TURN!!
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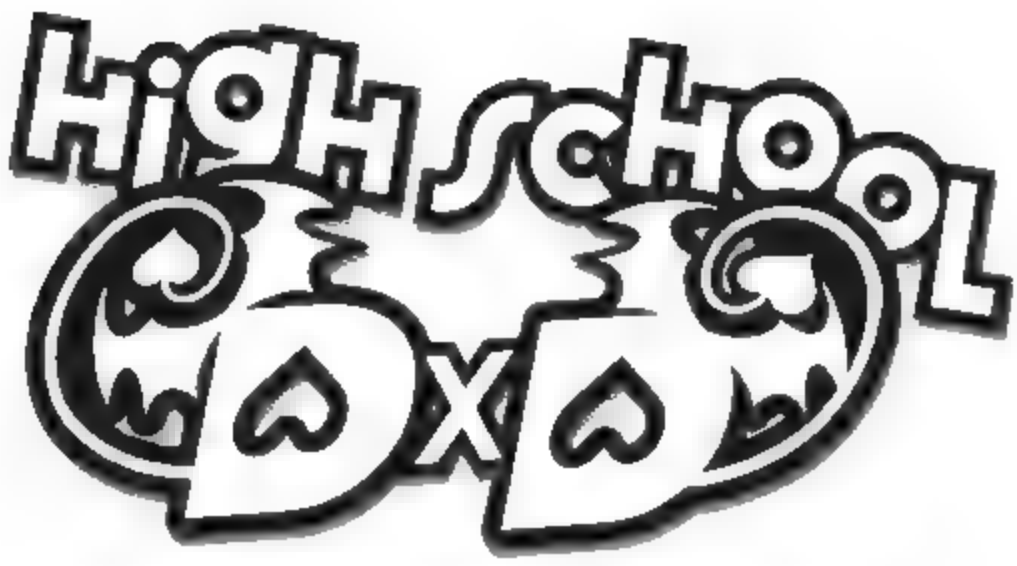
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LIFE.35.5: FRIENDS

...AND KONEKO-CHAN LOOKS PREOC-CUPIED.

THE ONLY ONES WHO HAVEN'T SUNG YET ARE KIBA AND ASIA...

ASIA, WANNA SING SOMETHING WITH ME?

HUH!?

SHIT! A DUET WITH ASIA-CHAN? I'M JEALOUS, YOU BEAST!

I COULD RECITE SOME BIBLE VERSES.

BURU (SHAKE)

NO GOOD!

DON'T DO IT!

BA (SLAM)

SFX: GATA (CLATTER)

WOULDA BEEN NICE IF SAJI COULD HAVE COME.

THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT HAS FORBIDDEN ME FROM HANGING OUT WITH GIRLS.

BURU (BZZZ)

BURU

HMM? A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ?

PI (BEEP)

PIRORIN (CHIME)

I'm trying to pick out a bathing suit. Why don't you tell me which you prefer, Issei? ♥

!!!!!!

BU (SPLORT)

...ISSEI-SENPAI, YOUR NOSE IS BLEEDING. YOU'VE BEEN HAVING DIRTY THOUGHTS, HAVEN'T YOU?

JIRO (STARE)

OH YEAH, THEY'RE ABOUT TO OPEN THE POOL AT SCHOOL. THE PRESIDENT MENTIONED WE COULD HAVE SOME FUN THERE ON OUR DAYS OFF...

I'VE GOT A FEELING THAT SHE AND AKENO-SAN ARE GONNA MODEL BATHING SUITS FOR ME! MAN, SUMMER CAN'T COME SOON ENOUGH!

KIRA (GLEAM)

LET'S SEE. SEEMS LIKE YOUR MANHOOD IS...

HEY, STOP MEA-SURING, KIRYUU !!

SFX: JYURURI (DROOL)

SASA (SCURRY)

S-SORRY, GOTTA PEE!

MUUUU (POUT)

...HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE PRESIDENT?

POSTER: VOICE TRAINING

NAH, I'M FINE. BUT...

I'M DONE IN THERE IF YOU NEED TO GO.

HEY. WHAT'S UP?

HAAH...

KACHA CKACHAKO

TOILET

I JUST REALLY WANTED TO SAY THANKS.

ISSEI-KUN.

YOUR OLD FRIENDS FORGAVE YOU, RIGHT? SO HAVE THE PRESIDENT AND THE REST OF US. SO JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.

PON (PAT) ぽん

SO... THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

...SURE THING.

.....ISSEI-KUN.

—THE NEXT DAY

GYU (SQUEEZE) ゆっ

SCOOP!
野獣兵藤、男も泣かす!?
BEASTLY HYOUDOU EVEN MAKES MEN CRY!!

I SAW IT! CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT?

HEY, DIDJA SEE THIS? KIBA-KUN AND THE BEAST...

ZAWA (CHATTER)

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ZAWA

美男と野獣
涙のカラオケデート
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, A TEAR-FILLED KARAOKE DATE

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PAPER: ...IN FRONT OF THE KARAOKE BATHROOM...THE TWO, HOLDING HANDS.....HAD TEARS IN HIS EYES...

OH NO! THAT BEAST HYOUDOU DID *WHAT* TO MY KIBA-KUN!?

NO WAY!? AND THEN?

KYAH!

KYAH!

AND THEN, WELL, I HEARD...

FOR-GIVE ME!

HA-HAAA! SO THIS IS WHAT THEY WERE DOING!

HEY, KIRYUU! ARE YOU THE ONE TAKING WEIRD PICTURES AND SPREADING RUMORS?

AND SO THE RUMORS OF A GAY RELA-TIONSHIP BETWEEN KIBA AND MYSELF INTENSI-FIED.

WHO CAN SAYYY? ♪

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 7!

TRANSLATION NOTES

COMMON HONORIFICS

no honorific: Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

-san: The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

-sama: Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

-kun: Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

-chan, -chin: An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

-senpai: A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

-sensei: A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

PAGE 11

Absorption Line: The kanji that make up Saji's "Absorption Line" read "Black Dragon Pulse." As Freed alludes to on the very next page, Saji's Sacred Gear is also a dragon type.

PAGE 125

Art style, phrases, and card game motif: These are explicit references to Kazuki Takahashi's *Yu-Gi-Oh!*

PAGE 153

Mokepon: Irina's idea of what kids nowadays are into is an anagram of Nintendo and Game Freak's Pokemon franchise.

PAGE 155

Dragso Ball: Issei's shirt, which says "Dragso Ball," is a reference to Akira Toriyama's *Dragon Ball* series (a reference that first appeared in Volume 1).

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LIFE.35: NEW KNIGHT & NEW RIVAL

THAT'S ME, ISSEI HYOUDOU, PAWN TO RIAS GREMORY!

I'LL JUST SAY IT ONCE, SO LISTEN UP, KOKABIEL! I'M THE BEARER OF THE RED DRAGON EMPEROR, AND I LIVE ON A STEADY STREAM OF LECHERY AND FERVOR!

...BUT ISSEI-KUN'S ENTHUSIASM MAKES ME FEEL LIKE THE TIDE IS TURNING.

JUST A MOMENT AGO WE WERE IN DESPAIR OVER THE OBVIOUS POWER GAP...

ISSEI MAY BE A BLOCKHEAD, BUT EVER SINCE HE'S COME INTO OUR LIVES, WE'VE MANAGED TO BOUNCE BACK IN EVERY STRUGGLE.

...YOU'RE THE WORST, SUPER-PERV-SENPAI.

THE ONLY WAY OUT IS TO WIN!

WE CAN STILL FIGHT. WE HAVEN'T LOST YET.

HEH HEH HEH. WHAT A SIGHT.

!?

WHAT THE...? THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE—

KA (FLASH)

...JUST LIKE BOOSTED GEAR'S "SCALE MAIL."

ZUOO (FOOM)

...VAN-ISHING DRAGON."

BA (CLAP)

...DID THE SCENT OF OLD RED BRING YOU OUT, VANISHING DRAGON? I WON'T LET YOU INTERF—

ONE OF THE LONGINUS GEARS— "DIVINE DIVIDING"...AND IT'S ALREADY ARMORED IN SCALE MAIL, ITS BALANCE BREAKER FORM.

...THE "VANISHING DRAGON."

IT'S THE WELSH DRAGON'S COUNTERPART ...

GYUN (VEER)

NO BETTER THAN DRAB CROW FEATHERS. AZAZEL'S ARE A DEEPER SHADE OF BLACK, AREN'T THEY?

Y-YOU BASTARD! MY WING!

A BEING THAT FELL BELOW THE VERY SURFACE OF THE EARTH HAS NO NEED OF WINGS. OR ARE YOU PLANNING TO FLY AWAY?

MY NAME IS ALBION.

VUVUVUN (HUMMM)

HOW DARE YOU OPPOSE ME!?

DIVIDE!

YOU HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME. IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP AND BEAT ME, YOU'LL END UP EVEN WEAKER THAN A HUMAN.

THIS IS ONE ABILITY OF MY SACRED GEAR, DIVINE DIVIDING. ANYTHING I TOUCH HAS ITS POWER HALVED EVERY TEN SECONDS. THE LOST POWER IS THEN ADDED TO MY OWN.

PASHU

PASHU (PWISH)

PASHU

GAKUN (WOBBLE)

DIVIDE!

HYUN (WHOOSH)

DIVIDE!

GAGIN (CLANG)

DAMN YOU!

GAH...! HOW COULD YOU BE...!?

...YOU'RE ALREADY DOWN TO ORDINARY FALLEN ANGEL STRENGTH. I THOUGHT THE FUN MIGHT LAST A BIT LONGER...

ZLIN (WHOOM)

KOFF!

AZA-ZELLLL! I-I AMMM ...!

YOU! SO THAT'S IT! AZAZEL ...

AZAZEL TOLD ME TO BRING YOU BACK BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY. YOU'VE ROAMED TOO FAR FROM HOME THIS TIME.

GO
(WHAM)

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD COLLECT FREED AS WELL.

THERE IS YET SOME INFORMATION WE MUST EXTRACT FROM HIM.

ZURU (DRAG)

RED. SO YOU'VE AWOKEN.

IGNORING ME, ARE YOU? WHITE?

DON'T WORRY. WE'RE FATED TO BATTLE EVENTUALLY. THIS IS JUST THE FIRST MEETING.

WE FINALLY MEET AGAIN AFTER ALL THIS TIME, IN THIS OF ALL SITUATIONS.

LIKEWISE. YOUR ANIMOSITY IS AT A SURPRISING EBB.

BUT I DON'T FEEL THE USUAL HOSTILITY FROM YOU...?

WE'LL MEET AGAIN, DDRAIG.

BA (LEAP)

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. ANOTHER TIME, ALBION.

INDEED. JUST LET ME ENJOY MYSELF FOR A WHILE LONGER. IT'S NOT SO BAD TO TAKE A BREAK NOW AND THEN.

WE MAY YET HAVE USE FOR EACH OTHER BEYOND FIGHTING.

HAAA (SIGH)

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WHO THE HELL ARE YOU, AND WHAT DID YOU DO!? 'COS OF YOU, I LOST MY CHANCE TO SUCK ON THE PRESIDENT'S BOOBS!

HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?

...HE'S THE WORST. AS USUAL.

SO THAT'S WHAT HE'S MAD ABOUT ...?

BA (WHAP)

TOUGHEN UP! WE'LL FIGHT EVENTUALLY, MY LITTLE ARCH-NEMESIS.

HEH-HEH-HEH. YOU'LL NEED MORE POWER BEFORE YOU CAN UNDER-STAND.

GYAH! GYAH!

PASHLIN (WOOSH)

H-HEY!

IS IT REALLY... OVER?

GAH HA HA!

NICELY DONE, LADY-KILLER!

YOWCH!

BASHI (SMACK)

THERE'S STILL SOMEONE AT THE VATICAN MOVING AHEAD WITH VALPER'S OLD RESEARCH. WHEN I CONFRONT THEM SOMEDAY, WHAT WILL I CHOOSE TO DO WITH THIS HOLY DEVIL SWORD...?

...NO. IT'S NOT.

WHAT-EVER IT IS, DON'T SWEAT IT NOW.

ISSEI-KUN, I—

OOH. SO THAT'S YOUR HOLY DEVIL SWORD BALANCE BREAKER THING. SURE IS PRETTY.

YEAH.

ALL THAT BUSINESS WITH HOLY SWORDS AND YOUR OLD BUDDIES.

'COS IT'S ALL OVER FOR THE MOMENT, RIGHT?

YOU SAVED MY LIFE BACK THEN, AND I REPAID YOU WITH BETRAYAL ...

... PRESIDENT. EVERYONE. I—

YUUTO. I'M GLAD WE'VE GOT YOU BACK.

AND I'M SO PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR BALANCE BREAKER.

PRESI-
DENT...

by
SU
(SWF)

BUT YOU'RE BACK NOW. THAT'S ENOUGH.

I HEREBY RENEW MY PLEDGE TO YOU.

I, YUUTO KIBA, DEVOTE MY LIFE TO SERVING YOU, RIAS GREMORY, AS KNIGHT AND PROTECTOR OF YOU AND YOURS.

HEY, I WANTED TO BE A KNIGHT AND PROTECT THE PRESIDENT!

HEH-HEH. THANK YOU.

OKAY. I'VE GOT IT, ISSEI-KUN.

BUT I GUESS YOU'RE REALLY THE ONLY ONE FIT TO BE HER KNIGHT!

SO TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY AND DO IT RIGHT!

SFX: BIKU (SHOCK)

TIME TO BE PUNISHED FOR YOUR INDISCRETION. PRESENT YOUR BOTTOM, PLEASE.

NOW THEN, YUUTO.

IT'S ONE THOUSAND SPANKS FOR YOU.

PASHI (SMACK)

MEAN-WHILE, THE SPANKING CON-TINUED.

EVERYTHING HAD ALREADY BEEN OVER FOR HALF AN HOUR BY THE TIME THE DEVIL KING'S REINFORCE-MENTS SHOWED UP.

GYAH-HA-HA-HA!

PASHI

PASHI

PASHI

IT WAS PAINFUL, YES.

LAST ONE. I'M GIVING IT ALL I'VE GOT!

BUT I REALLY FELT LIKE I'D COME HOME.

A FEW DAYS AFTER KOKABIEL'S ATTACK

HEY THERE, RED DRAGON EMPEROR.

XENOVIA!

WH-WHY'RE YOU HERE!?

WHAAA—!?

WHEN I FOUND OUT GOD WAS DEAD...

...I GAVE IT ALL UP AND BECAME A DEVIL.

BASA (FLAP)

SHE'S THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE OCCULT RESEARCH CLUB.

RIAS GREMORY GRANTED ME HER "KNIGHT" PIECE. SHE ALSO GOT ME ENROLLED AT THIS ACADEMY. I'LL BE A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT FROM NOW ON, JUST LIKE YOU.

...YOU CAN'T SOUND SO CUTE WITH SUCH A SERI- OUS FACE.

I'M SO LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, ISSEI-KUN. ♪

AND WITH HER AND YUUTO, WE'VE GOT A DOUBLE SWORD-WIELDER COMBO.

YEAH. AS THE WIELDER OF DURANDAL, I'M SURE SHE'LL BE QUITE THE RELIABLE SERVANT.

BUT WAIT— YOU'VE TURNED! PRESIDENT, ARE YOU SURE? THOSE PIECES ARE PRECIOUS!

I WAS TRYING TO IMITATE IRINA, BUT I GUESS I CAN'T PULL IT OFF.

B—

...BY THE WAY, WHERE'S IRINA?

BLITSU (MUTTER)

BLITSU...

RIGHT. I'M A DEVIL NOW. NO GOING BACK, I GUESS.

ZUUUN (GLUMO)

NO. MAYBE IT'S A GOOD THING? YEAH. I MEAN, IF GOD IS DEAD, THEN MY WHOLE LIFE HAS BASICALLY BEEN A WASTE.

BUT...IS IT REALLY OKAY TO DEBASE MYSELF AND LIVE AS A DEVIL, THE THINGS I ONCE FOUGHT AGAINST ...?

...

IRINA TOOK THE FIVE EXCALIBURS— MY OWN INCLUDED— BACK TO HQ, ALONG WITH VALPER'S BODY.

THEY MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, BUT OUR MISSION TO RECOVER THEM WAS STILL A SUCCESS. AS LONG AS THE CORES EXIST, THEY CAN BE REFORGED INTO NEW HOLY SWORDS BY OUR ALCHEMISTS.

YOU'RE OKAY WITH RETURNING THE EXCALIBURS TO THEM? EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE BETRAYING THE CHURCH?

THERE'D BE TROUBLE IF I HADN'T GIVEN THEM BACK.

THEY CAN CHOOSE SOMEONE ELSE TO WIELD THEM. DURANDAL IS ENOUGH FOR ME.

FROM THE MOMENT KOKABIEL TOLD US, I BECAME AN OUTSIDER TO THE CHURCH. THEY HATE HERETICS ABOVE ALL ELSE. EVEN AS A USER OF DURANDAL, I WAS ABANDONED.

AND IT WAS ALL OVER ANYWAY WHEN I TOLD THEM THAT I KNEW GOD WAS GONE.

IRINA WAS LUCKY. BY BEING AWAY FROM THAT FINAL BATTLEFIELD, SHE MANAGED TO AVOID LEARNING THE TRUTH.

MUCH LIKE THE CASE OF ASIA ARGENTO.

SHE WAS QUITE DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN I HAD BECOME A DEVIL. BUT I DIDN'T TELL HER I DID IT BECAUSE GOD IS DEAD. WE PARTED WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING TO EACH OTHER, AND I SUPPOSE WE'LL BE ENEMIES WHEN NEXT WE MEET.

YOUR FAITH IS REALLY WEIRD!

HER FAITH IS STRONGER THAN MINE EVER WAS. THE BALANCE IN HER HEART MIGHT TRULY BE BROKEN IF SHE EVER FOUND OUT.

THEY'VE ALSO TAKEN RESPONSIBILITY AND APOLOGIZED FOR OVERLOOKING VALPER'S ACTIONS IN THE PAST.

...AH. STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

APPARENTLY, THEY SAID, "THIS IS HIGHLY REGRETTABLE, BUT WE'D LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR PEOPLE EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED IN LIGHT OF THE FALLEN ANGELS' TREACHERY."

THE CHURCH HAS REACHED OUT TO OUR SIDE ABOUT THIS INCIDENT. WELL, TO THE DEVIL KING SPECIFICALLY.

ACCORDING TO THE FALLEN ANGELS' GENERAL, AZAZEL, THE WHOLE PLOT TO STEAL THE EXCALIBURS WAS JUST KOKABIEL ACTING ON HIS OWN. THE OTHER OFFICERS HAD NO IDEA WHAT HE WAS DOING.

SFX: KIRAN (GLEAM)

WE'VE GOTTEN IN DEEP HERE... NOT TO MENTION THE GYM THAT GOT BLOWN UP WAS SOMEHOW REBUILT OVERNIGHT. WHAT'S UP WITH THIS SCHOOL...?

TWO... COULD THAT MEAN ...?

THIS SCHOOL IS A FRIGHTENING PLACE. TO THINK THAT THE YOUNGER SISTERS OF TWO OF THE DEVIL KINGS ATTEND HERE.

THAT VANISHING DRAGON WHO PUT A STOP TO KOKABIEL'S RAMPAGE IS ACTUALLY ON THE SIDE OF THE FALLEN ANGELS. SEEING AS THEY TOOK CARE OF THE PROBLEM, THEY GOT TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH HIM.

IN LIGHT OF KOKABIEL'S SCHEMING TO ROCK THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE THREE POWERS AND START ANOTHER WAR, HE'S BEEN FROZEN IN ETERNAL ICE DOWN IN THE LOWEST LEVEL OF HELL, COCYTUS.

BUT WE'RE DESTINED TO FIGHT AT SOME POINT. THE WHITE DRAGON EMPEROR, ALBION... BEFORE WE MEET AGAIN I'VE GOT TO TRY CLOSING THE GAP IN STRENGTH BETWEEN US, EVEN A LITTLE.

VANISHING DRAGON... HE'S ALREADY ACHIEVED A PERFECT BALANCE BREAKER FORM. MEANWHILE, I'M STILL RIDICULOUSLY WEAK.

FOR REAL!? WE'RE GONNA BE AT SOME SUPER-IMPORTANT MEET-UP OF ALL THE BIG BOSSES!?

WE'VE ALSO BEEN INVITED SO THAT WE CAN REPORT ON EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED OUT THERE.

I'VE HEARD THAT THE LEADERS OF THE THREE POWERS ARE GOING TO CONVENE SOON. APPARENTLY, AZAZEL IS GOING TO MAKE SOME KIND OF PROPOSAL.

THE FOURTH STRONGEST!? ...NO WONDER HE BEAT KOKABIEL, WHO WAS HANDING US OUR ASSES. GUESS THAT'S THE POWER OF LONGINUS.

THAT'S RIGHT. AZAZEL IS GATHERING SACRED GEAR USERS.

SO THE VANISHING DRAGON IS WORKING WITH THE FALLEN ANGELS?

EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE TECHNICALLY HIS RIVAL, THAT PERFECTED BALANCE BREAKER FORM MEANS HE'S FAR STRONGER THAN YOU AT THE MOMENT.

VANISHING DRAGON'S USER IS AMONG THE BEST OF THE BEST. THEY SAY HE'S THE FOURTH OR FIFTH STRONGEST OF ALL THE OFFICERS IN GRIGORI!

HUH!?

I'M SO SORRY. IF IT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, FEEL FREE TO GIVE ME A GOOD BEATING.

BA (WHAT)

SU (SWF)

...RIGHT. I SUPPOSE I SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO YOU, ASIA. GOD BEING GONE MEANT YOU NEVER GOT THE SALVATION OR LOVE YOU WERE SEEKING.

GETTING TO MEET THEM HAS MADE IT ALL WORTH IT. I'M TRULY HAPPY THANKS TO THEM AND EVERYTHING THEY PROVIDE.

I'M QUITE SATISFIED WITH MY LIFE NOW. ALL THESE WONDERFUL PEOPLE...

...I COULD... I COULD NEVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

I'VE GONE FROM A ONCE-RESPECTED HOLY SWORD WIELDER TO A LOST HERETIC MYSELF. MY PERSPECTIVE HAS CHANGED. THE ATTITUDE OF THE CHURCH IS INEXCUSABLE.

...PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR CALLING YOU A HERETIC AND THREATENING TO MURDER YOU.

UH, UM!

WELL, SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU. THERE ARE STILL MANY THINGS I DON'T KNOW ABOUT LIFE AT THIS SCHOOL.

EVERYONE'S GOING TO HANG OUT NEXT WEEKEND. WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME, XENOVIA-SAN?

WOULD YOU BE SO KIND AS TO SHOW ME AROUND AT SCHOOL?

...HOW-EVER?

...SORRY. I'M NOT INTERESTED. HOWEVER...

WITH PLEA-SURE!

PAA (GLOW)

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OKAY!

WELL. EVERYONE'S HERE, SO LET'S GET ON WITH CLUB BUSINESS!

I WAS INVITED TO GO OUT WITH THEM, BUT WHAT ARE SCHOOL-KIDS INTO NOWADAYS?
WELL, ISSEI-KUN IS PROBABLY A FAN OF... MOKEPON!
PROBABLY.
WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT...?

HIGH SCHOOL
5X5